

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:354

ANSWERED ON:23.12.2008

MONITORING OF TSUNAMI REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has instituted any cell for the monitoring of Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme;
- (b) if so,the details thereof;
- (c) whether it has submitted any report on the progress of the on-going rehabilitation works;
- (d) if so,the details thereof;
- (e) whether the affected States including Kerala have requested for extension of Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme;
- (f) if so,the reaction of the Government thereto;and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government for the timely completion of the said programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.354 FOR 23.12.2008 REGARDING "MONITORING OF TSUNAMI REHABILITATION PROGRAMME"

(a) to (b): Yes,Sir. A Core Group has been constituted in the Planning Commission to address the long term issues and to plan and coordinate measures relating to reconstruction and rehabilitation in the Tsunami affected States/UTs.

The Government has also constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) in respect of the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP) and to review its physical and financial progress.The EGOM is serviced by the Planning Commission.

(c) & (d): The EGOM while approving the TRP package at an estimated cost of Rs.9822.10 crore decided that the States/UTs should set quarterly targets for implementation of the programme and communicate the progress to the Planning Commission.The progress achieved upto September,2008 in major sectors of the TRP is at Annexure.

(e) to (g): The States/UTs,including Kerala,have requested for extension of TRP beyond March,2009. The EGOM while reviewing the progress of TRP in its meeting held during May 2008,decided that the States/UTs concerned should strive to overcome the difficulties to complete the work in time and the issue of extending the timeframe will be considered separately only after detailed review of the progress.